--- 1 Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLUE - 455 x 20 mm. ---

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John McKay next records that 18,415 *lithographed* copies of the "1 lb. Blue, Tobacco" were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).

John McKay further records that 50,085 copies of the "1 Blue, Tobacco", *recess printed* by hand press were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

Finally John McKay records that 28,011 copies of the "1 lb. Blue, Tobacco", *recess printed* by hand press were 'delivered' under the **5th ABN Supplement** (1892-1897). These sheets had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and the printing of the "Series of 1897".

3rd BABN Contract - October 22nd 1878	13,500 lithographed	**000001** to **013500**
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	18,415 lithographed	**013501** to **031915**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	50,085 recess (hand press)	**031916** to **082000**
5th ABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	28,011 recess (hand press)	**082001** to **110011**
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The design on the *black* and the *blue* one pound 1883 strips measures 455 mm. This length has been reduced on the *green* strips to 323 mm. by eliminating a portion of the ornamental design work. All of the *lithographed* blue strips, examined to date, carry the early design - three beavers in the pond, plus overhead foliage.

The catalogue lists the blue "Series of 1883" one pound strip as follows:

RP-629 (L) - 1 pound, blue, lithographed, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove, 455 X 20 mm. - 4 mm. red controls
RP-630 (L) - 1 pound, blue, lithographed, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 455 x 20 mm. - 4 mm. red controls

RP-632 - 1 pound, blue, recess printed, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove, 450 x 20 mm. - 5 mm. red controls

The design, at the right-end, for all of the one pound blue strips shows ***three beavers, plus foliage***.

--- a two-piece imperforate Plate Proof - recess printed in BLUE on white bond - scanned at 35% scale ---

1 pound, blue, imperforate, a two-piece blue *paste-up proof*,
Recess printed on white bond paper, and mounted on heavy wove paper

The 455 mm. ***recess printed*** blue paste-up proof shows the small pointed ornament - which is characteristic of the finished *lithographed* strips. It seems that the paste-up proof was the origin of the initial plate used on the stone for the lithographed strips.

--- from the 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 455 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- RP-629 (L) - perforated 12 - *without* an imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---

The collection ***does not contain*** a control numbered copy of the *lithographed* **RP-629 (L) - WANTED!**

RP-629(L)n - 1 pound, blue, perforated 12, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - probably from the 3rd BABN Contract

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic ***purple control numbers*** seem to come from the "Series of 1883". In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with the Lee Brandom 5 mm. Roman ***light blue controls*** seem to come from the "Series of 1880-81". I feel that the latter strips were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and the former strips for mid-1880's. Only a few examples can be found on *block watermarked* paper which indicates that these examples come from 1886 or later. Possibly these were prepared as presentation copies to supply noted philatelists.

There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the "Ferrari" collection purchased from Erling van Dam. All of the stamps in the "Ferrari" collection dated from pre-1900.

1 pound, lithographed, blue, perf 12, with violet 4 mm. Gothic control **7 5 2 4 -** a 453 x 20 mm design

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--- from the 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- RP-630 (L) - *coarse roulette* - *without* an imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---

RP-630 (L) - 1 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **023076**,
Lithographed on horizontal mesh wove paper - 456 mm. design length

023076★	RP-630 (L)	1 pound, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
023853	RP-630 (L)	1 pound, *coarse roulette*, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove

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--- from the 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove paper - with 5 mm red controls ---

--- RP-632 - *coarse roulette* - *without* an imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---

RP-632 - 1 pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 5 mm control **040369**,
Recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove - with a 449 x 20 mm design

040369★	RP-632	1 pound, coarse roulette, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper

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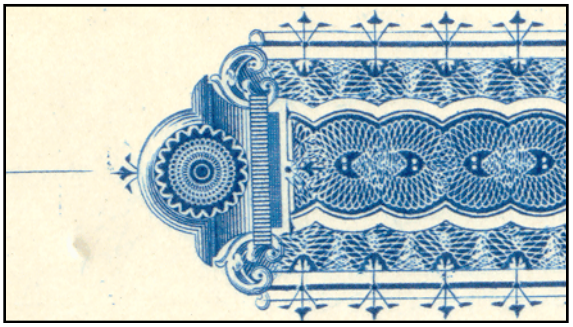
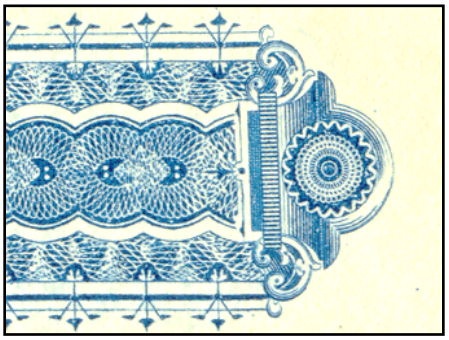


--- L*ithographed prints* - the left end ornament, showing the alignment line - scanned at 200% scale ---



--- *Recess printed strips* - <u>without</u> the right end ornament - scanned at 200% scale ---

The collection also contains a second copy of the two-piece blue one pound plate proof, *recess printed* on white bond paper in dark blue ink, missing the first inch on the left, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters.

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